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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant respectfully submits a petition for an one-month extension of time to file this amendment and response. With the petition, the response is now due April 23, 2009.

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Conclusion begins on page 14 of this paper.